

(b) Cooperative education (a combination of classroom theory with related practical job experience) is considered as valuable learning experience and is specifically allowed and encouraged.

(c) Vocational training courses offered through Indian tribal governments need not be accredited but must show reasonable expectation of leading to employment and be approved by the Area Director.

**§ 27.8 Approval of apprenticeship training.**

A program of apprenticeship training may be approved when such training:

(a) Is offered by a corporation or association which has furnished such training to bona fide apprentices for at least one year preceding participation in this program;

(b) Is under the supervision of a State apprenticeship agency, a State Apprenticeship Council, or the Federal Apprenticeship Training Services;

(c) Leads to an occupation which requires the use of skills that normally are learned through training on the job and employment which is based upon training on the job rather than upon such elements as length of service, normal turnover, personality, and other personal characteristics; and

(d) Is identified expressly as apprenticeship training by the establishment offering it.

**§ 27.9 Approval of on-the-job training.**

(a) On-the-job training contracts shall be approved only by the official to whom such authority has been delegated in the 10 BIAM.

(b) On-the-job training may be approved when such training is offered by a corporation, small business, association, tribe or tribal enterprise which provides an on-the-job training program offering definite potential for skilled permanent employment.

(c) Yearly on-the-job training contractual agreements with a specific contractor shall not be renewed beyond the second year without review and written approval from the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs. Extension of contracts exceeding two years will be based upon a contractors demonstrated expansion of the enterprise, need for

additional trainees, and placement of trainees completing the program.

(d) Reimbursement to the on-the-job training contractor may include one-half of the hourly wage paid during the training period with the contractor paying the other half. The hourly rate must be at least the established minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended.

**§ 27.10 Financial assistance for trainees.**

(a) Applicants entering full-time training under this part may be granted financial assistance as needed, based upon rates established by the Area Director for the respective areas, or jurisdictions within those areas. Trainees may be assisted to secure educational grants from other sources for which they qualify. Such income shall be considered in computing amounts of financial assistance to be provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Marital status of trainees is not a consideration for determining eligibility for training, but this factor is a consideration in determining appropriate subsistence grants. Proof of a legal relationship requiring support shall be required as a basis for application of family subsistence rates. In the case of married persons, proof of marriage shall be required to satisfy this requirement. Financial assistance may be provided for transportation and subsistence enroute to training; tuition and related training costs; subsistence while in training; emergency assistance is allowed where verified emergencies justify such grants and must have Area Director approval; and supportive services while in training. Supportive services includes tools for employment, initial union dues, transportation of household effects, security and safety deposits, personal appearance and housewares, child care, and cost of vocational training counselors engaged in providing services to trainees (salaries, fringe benefits and travel costs).

(b) Not more than thirty (30) percent of the funds appropriated for any program year may be used to pay for the costs of administration. Administrative costs include salaries and fringe benefits of direct program administrative positions such as program director